

WASHINGTON (January 27) - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the Clanton Fire Department has been awarded a federal fire grant in the amount of \$113,031.

"Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and saving property. They deserve modern equipment and the best in safety gear. This grant program helps ensure that fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls. The Clanton Fire Department is to be commended for qualifying for this grant," Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grant.

Clanton Fire Department - \$113,031

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of equipment including a new air compressor and fill station, an emergency generator, and a hazardous materials trailer and related gear

Chief David Driver said, "This money will be used to purchase a new air compressor and new emergency generator for Fire Station No. 1. \$48,000 of this award will go to the purchase of a hazardous materials trailer and the equipment needed for the trailer. We have applied many times for grants, but this is the first time that we have been awarded one. This is wonderful for the City of Clanton, the fire department, and our firemen. I would like to thank Congressman Bachus and everyone else that helped us get this grant."

Funds awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) program are used to meet the firefighting and emergency needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are considered and scored by peer review panels.

The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

